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Salamonie Preschool offers W for Wildflowers' on Wednesday

Salamonie Preschool's "W is for Wildflowers" for children ages 2 to 5 will last from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 18 at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Learn about and find some beautiful spring wildflowers that are growing here at Salamonie Lake. Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education including music, crafts, social interaction, and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. To register, call 260-468-2127. For more information, visit Facebook.com/UpperWabash, <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Friendship Hill Inclusive Playground celebrates '1,000th Day of Inclusive Play'

Friendship Hill Inclusive Playground will be celebrating its "1,000th Day of Inclusive Play" on Saturday, May 21. The event is free and open to the public and will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 410 S. Carroll St. Nick's Dog Cart will be on-site providing free hot dogs to the community while supplies last "thanks to a generous donation" from Wabash Elks Lodge No. 471. All funds raised during this time will help to support increased safety and security of the playground as well as the upkeep and maintenance of the playground and its equipment through the playground's endowment at the Community Foundation. Donations of \$100 to \$749 will receive one line of text on a donor wall tile, and donations of \$750 or more will receive a full tile. Full tiles can include text or logos. Donations may be made through the Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) by visiting cfwabash.org or by check, made out to the

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TOP LEFT: Abbie Wampler has earned Academic Excellence and highest honor roll honors for four years of high school. **TOP MIDDLE:** Kindra Stetzel is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and is serving as president this year. **TOP RIGHT:** Jade Michel was the student council class president for her freshman, sophomore and junior years. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Alyssa Marvel is a recognized member of National Honor Society and served as treasurer. **BOTTOM MIDDLE:** Ridge Fierstos has participated in soccer and basketball all four years of high school. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Gabriel Case has been recognized as the 2021-22 DAR Wabash County Good Citizen Award recipient.

MHS names six valedictorians for the class of 2022

Wampler, Stetzel, Michel, Marvel, Fierstos, Case have 4.0 GPAs; Hippensteel has a 3.99

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The title of valedictorian will be shared by half a dozen students for the Manchester High School (MHS) class of 2022.

Abbie Wampler, Kindra Stetzel, Jade Michel, Alyssa Marvel, Ridge Fierstos and Gabriel Case have been named valedictorians, and

Kayla Hippensteel has been named salutatorian for the class of 2022 at MHS, said Manchester Community Schools (MCS) Randy Self. Wampler, Stetzel, Michel, Marvel, Fierstos and Case have GPAs of 4.0 and Hippensteel has a 3.99 grade point average after seven semesters.

Valedictorians

Abbie Wampler

Abbie Wampler has earned Academic Excellence and highest honor roll honors for four years of high school. As

a member of the National Honor Society, she served as the chapter secretary this year. She participated in Key Club and Spanish Club for all four years of high school.

Abbie has received perfect attendance and scholar-athlete status recognition. Athletically, Abbie participated in Tennis for three years where she was named most improved in 2020. Abbie also received TRC Academic All-Conference in 2021.

After graduating from high school with an Academic Honors Diploma, Abbie plans to attend a four-year

college for political science.

She is the daughter of Craig and Deanna Wampler. Her grandparents are Dave and Beth Wampler, Don and Connie Eades, and Karen Fawcett.

Kindra Stetzel

Kindra Stetzel has earned Academic Excellence and highest honor roll honors for four years of high school. She was a member of the student council from 2018 until 2020. Kindra is also a two-year member of the National

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Two local students receive teaching scholarships

Ashtyn Shemwell, of WHS; Jessica Dingess, of MHS, selected

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education has awarded 200 scholarships to the sixth class of Next Generation Hoosier Educators, including two local students.

In Wabash County, Ashtyn Shemwell, of Wabash High School, selected Trine University; and Jessica Dingess, of Manchester High School,

selected Huntington University.

"Selected through a competitive process based on academic achievement and additional factors," recipients will receive \$7,500 annually (up to \$30,000 total) for committing to teach in Indiana for at least five years after graduating college, said Indiana Commission for Higher Education communications and public relations manager Allison Kuehr.

WHS assistant principal Jeffery R. Galley congratulated Shemwell.

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WPD recognizes National Police Week

ISP Peru Post holds annual memorial service for fallen officers

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash Police Department (WPD) is recognizing National Police Week, which lasts through Saturday, May 21, said public information officer Capt. Matt A. Benson. "National Police Week is a way to honor the fallen and show support for law enforcement officers who risk their lives daily to protect the citizens they serve," said Benson. "The WPD would like to thank the citizens of Wabash for the continued support."

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

"I call upon all Americans to observe these events with appropriate ceremonies and activities and salute our nation's brave law enforcement officers and remember their peace officer brothers and sisters who have given their last full measure of devotion in the line of duty," stated President Joe Biden in his proclamation.

On Wednesday, May 11, the Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post conducted its annual memorial service to remember local fallen officers, including one who died

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Cultural District designation celebrated at June's First Friday

Grow Wabash County, Downtown Wabash to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Grow Wabash County and Downtown Wabash will join the Wabash Cultural District Committee in celebrating its newly-established Cultural District with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, June 3, said public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

"Celebrate the newest statewide designation from Indiana Arts Commission — (one of only 12 in Indiana)," said Ellis.

The Wabash Cultural District ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 3 on Miami Street as part of the First Friday theme: Downtown Wabash pARTy.

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Manchester University to honor front-line workers

WMS teacher Ryan Evans, Marti (Mercer) Striker of probation department among those recognized at commencement

By **ANNE GREGORY**

On Saturday, May 21, Manchester University is honoring all Indiana front-line professionals by awarding honorary degrees to three alumni — a teacher, a health care worker and a social worker — at Commencement 2022.

"In the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic, front-line professionals in a wide variety of fields served in heroic ways under extraordinary circumstances," said President Dave McFadden. "We honor these representatives as a way to honor them all."

Manchester seldom has a traditional Commencement address — choosing instead to present an honorary doctorate to someone who gives brief remarks — and keeps the focus on its graduating seniors.

"I am pleased to announce that three individuals have agreed to stand for their professions and fellow alumni, to help us lift up all who are — and have been — serving in heroic ways in a multitude of roles," McFadden said.

The honorees are:

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Ford Meter Box appoints two directors

Sophia Kim, Scott Kunkel named on March 22

STAFF REPORT

Sophia Kim and Scott Kunkel were appointed to The Ford Meter Box Company’s Board of Directors at the corporation’s quarterly board meeting on March 22, according to marketing manager Todd Hodson.

They join 11 other directors on the firm’s board.

Kim is president of Knossos Group, a Virginia-based advisory firm providing program management, technology prospecting and contract management services to firms operating interna-



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tionally and to state and federal government entities. Previously, she was Director of Advisory Services with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Kim has also held marketing, product management, and procurement roles. She holds a degree in Systems Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point and certifications in Six Sigma and Lean Man-

ufacturing.

Kunkel is senior vice president and chief financial officer of Symmetry Surgical in Nashville, Tennessee. His background in public and private company settings includes debt financing, acquisition negotiations and integrations, SEC compliance, investor relations, information technology, and national account management. Kunkel has also served in financial leadership roles at Ford Motor Company, General Electric, and EnergyLogic. He holds a degree in finance from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business.

Halderman welcomes fourth-generation family member as area representative

STAFF REPORT

Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management have announced Joe Halderman is now an area representative for central Indiana, according to marketing associate Abby Chapman.

Born and raised in Wabash, Joe Halderman is the fourth generation of the family business, Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management. During school, he assisted the business with auction sign management, drone flights and



HALDERMAN



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Born and raised in Wabash, Joe Halderman is the fourth generation of the family business, Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management.

property maintenance.

Joe Halderman attended Taylor University earning his bachelor of science (B.S.) in business management. During his four years, he played on the Taylor varsity football team as a defensive end and

tight end. He was also a member of the Taylor Fellowship of Christian Athletes leadership team.

“We are excited to have the fourth generation of the Halderman family serving farmland owners. Joe brings energy, focus, a willingness to meet landowner’s goals and an excellent ability to communicate with anyone. He will continue the Halderman tradition of professionalism and excellence,” said Halderman Real Estate Services president Howard Halderman.

Joe Halderman resides in Wabash, where he enjoys being outdoors on the farm or doing property maintenance and improvements. He is a sports enthusiast and enjoys water sports. He is also a member of the Wabash Kiwanis Club.

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Friday

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88 / 64

Saturday

Few Showers

76 / 51

Sunday

Few Showers

66 / 45

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:53 p.m.

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Last

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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 73°, humidity of 70%. South southeast wind 8 to 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 75% chance of showers, overnight low of 60°. West southwest wind 6 to 11 mph.



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Ryan Evans, of Wabash, is a teacher and coach at Wabash Middle School.



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Pearl Pfister, of Fort Wayne, graduated in 2016 from Manchester with a professional doctorate in pharmacy.



By ROB BURGESS / Wabash Plain Dealer

Marti (Mercer) Striker, of Carmel, spent most of her career in the criminal justice field.

HONOR

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Ryan Evans

Ryan Evans, of Wabash, is a teacher and coach at Wabash Middle School. He teaches seventh-grade science, helped implement a 1:1 digital initiative across the district, was district teacher of the year in 2017 and started a middle school science club that travels to different parts of the nation each summer for immersive experiences. He is the head high school track coach and the head middle school boys cross country coach.

“He is an engaging, inquisitive, personable young educator who creates inclusive and welcoming learning environments. He awakens curiosity in his students, and he allows them to explore the joys of learning,” said Heather Schilling, director of teacher education at Manchester. He graduated from Manchester 2007, where he was chosen as one of five “Outstanding Future Educators” and then later as the 2014 Warren K. and Helen J. Garner Alumni Teacher of the Year.

Pearl Pfister

Pearl Pfister, of Fort Wayne, graduated in 2016 from Manchester with a professional doctorate in pharmacy.

She is described as a “fierce advocate for the profession of pharmacy, Manchester University, and the patients she serves.” Her passion for immunizations stems from working in a virology lab under Dr. Robert Visalli, a medical microbiologist professor, for her graduate thesis. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she developed and led a CVS team of more than 100 employees to immunize residents in long-term care facilities and assisted living facilities throughout northern Indiana. Pfister was promoted to lead the 24-hour CVS pharmacy in Fort Wayne while precepting Manchester students. Ryan Ades, director of experiential education in the Manchester Pharmacy Program, said she continues to ensure that patients’ needs are met while simultaneously managing a busy pharmacy and providing students with a positive learning experience in their first and fourth years.

Marti (Mercer) Striker

Marti (Mercer) Striker, of Carmel, spent most of her career in the criminal justice field. She worked to reunite children in foster care with their families. In custody cases, she connected families with needed services and signed up children for Head Start. Striker ran the out-of-

school suspension program through the probation department in Wabash County and was coordinator, case manager and probation officer with the electronic home detention program. She was Re-Entry Court coordinator and worked with defendants coming out of prison – mostly those with substance abuse issues.

Brad Yoder, social work professor emeritus, said Striker helped inmates transition from incarceration to positive participation in community life. She earned a Bachelor of Science in social work from Manchester 1990.

“Our mission is to produce graduates who go on to improve the human condition, and these individuals are representative of what people of people of ability and conviction do,” McFadden said. “These honorary degree presentations are our way of saying ‘thank you’ to the thousands who gave of themselves during tough times.”

This fall, Manchester named its entire custodial staff as this year’s recipient of the Christopher W. Garber Staff Member of the Year Award for being heroes during the pandemic.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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“I want to become a teacher because I have always wanted to make a difference in the lives of kids,” said Shemwell. “Being a teacher will allow me to achieve those dreams and help shape little minds while doing what I truly love.”

A total of 627 students applied for the 2022-23 Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, a 43 percent increase in submitted applications compared to last year. Applications were received from learners representing 270 high schools in 86 of Indiana’s 92 counties. Additionally, 75 percent of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remainder comprised of current college students.

To qualify for the scholarship, students had to either graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class,



LEFT: Ashtyn Shemwell, of Wabash High School, selected Trine University. RIGHT: Jessica Dingess, of Manchester High School, selected Huntington University.



Provided photos

earn a score in the 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT, or have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

“Recipients of the Next Generation Hoosier Educators scholarship will bring dedication, creativity and passion to classrooms across the state,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “Teachers play an important and vital role in preparing students for

academic and life success. It’s encouraging to see so many students committed to teaching in Indiana as the number of applicants increases each year.”

To continue earning the scholarship in college, students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year.

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Manchester shines in TRC track championships

By CLAY MAXFIELD
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance
Reporter

In a weather-ridden Three Rivers Conference (TRC) track championships on Friday, May 6, Manchester High School took home bragging rights among the four county teams after both girls and boys track teams placed second in a field of 10.

The Manchester boys finished with a score of 126.5 while the girls rang up 106.

Wabash finished in fifth place while Southwood and Northfield rounded out the county teams with seventh and ninth place as well.

For the girls field, Wabash came in at sixth followed by Southwood, seventh, and Northfield in ninth.

The Squires' Seth Gaerte shined in the boys 100-meter followed by the 200-meter when he finished fourth and sixth in each event while Manchester's 4x800 meter relay took home second place followed by a third-place finish from Wabash.

Manchester's girls relay for the 4x800 finished third along with Southwood and Northfield rounding out the final two places.

Olivia Auler also took



Dom Lincoln continued Manchester's domination when he finished first in the 110-meter hurdles.

Photo by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

home the first-place finish in the 100 meters for Manchester as well.

Taking into consideration the elements, Wabash head coach Ryan Evans was pleased with the way his team competed against the other conference rivals.

"Well, despite the conditions that they were in, they went in knowing that it was going to be like that. We had them get mentally ready to do it and meet day comes and I think they performed

brilliantly in the face of less than the best conditions," Evans said.

Dom Lincoln continued Manchester's domination when he finished first in the 110-meter hurdles followed by Aliala Atienza's second-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles.

Ayla Cashdollar notched a second-place finish for the Squires in the 1600 meter as well.

For the Apaches, Natalie Adams had a second-place

finish in the 400-meter while Bryn Mealy finished third. Braxton Ream of Manchester and Casey Boardman of Southwood finished second and third in the 400-meter run also.

In the middle distance event, Aleia Sweet of Manchester finished third in the 800-meter while Cade Jones finished first in the same event for the Squires.

Kadence Fox rounded out the long-distance placements with a second-place



Photo by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

In the 3,200-meter, Kaden Vogel took home first for Wabash.

finish in the 3,200-meter for Manchester while Kaden Vogel took home first for Wabash.

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ATHLETES COMPETE AT WABASH COUNTY MEET



Photos by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

The Manchester Boys 4x400 relay team broke a 50-year-old county record held by Whites' Institute on Wednesday, May 11. The Squires' quartet, left to right, Ethan Cummins, Braxton Ream, Cade Jones and Dominic Lincoln, broke the old record of 3 minutes 27 and 3 tenths of a second with a new track record of 3 minutes 24 and 7 tenths of a seconds. The team is joined on the right by their winning head coach Julie Cassel.



Girls 3,200-meter run winner Kadence Fox, of North Manchester, left, wins in a time of 12 minutes and 51 seconds. Placing second for the Squires was Ayla Cashdollar, with a time of 12 minutes and 59 seconds.



Northfield pole vaulter Alex Reed carefully negotiates the bar at 9 feet en route to his first place county win Wednesday, May 11 at Wabash's Alumni Field. The Norse's John Clark placed second with a vault of 8 feet 6 inches.



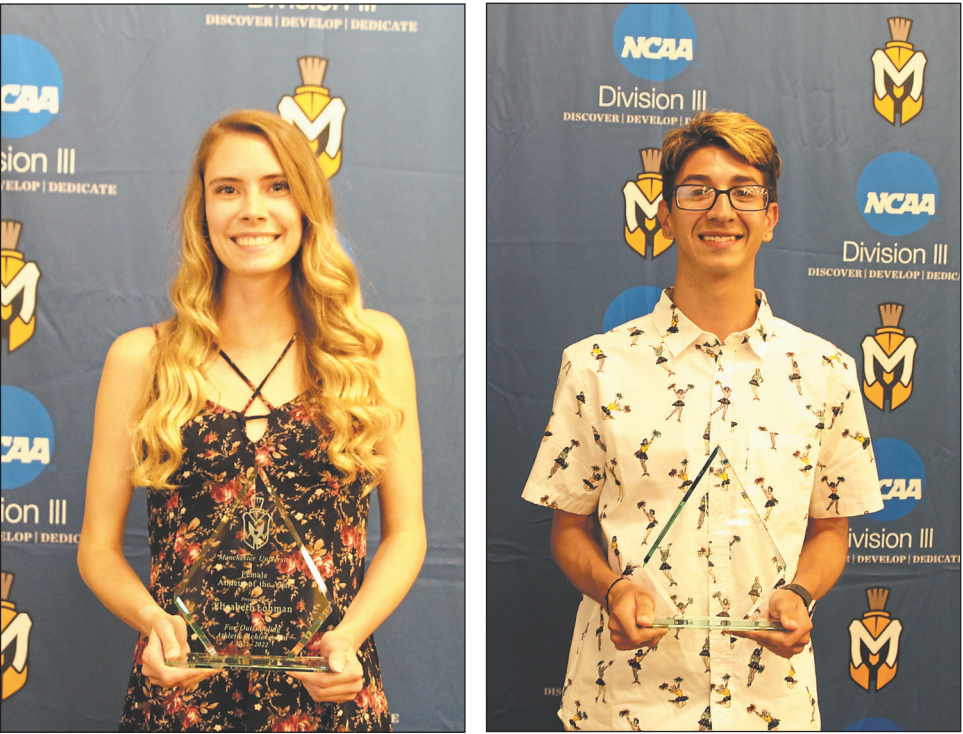
Girls county pole vault winner Abbie Boggs, of Wabash, clears the bar at 6 feet to win the county pole vault at the on Wednesday, May 11 at the Apaches' Alumni Field. Placing second was Gabby Hauptert of Northfield at 5 feet 6 inches.



Manchester's Kindra Stetzel throws 96 feet 6 inches in the county discus competition Wednesday, May 11 at Alumni Field in Wabash. Stetzel would take second place to Southwood's Bailey Wyatt's effort of 99 feet 7 inches.



Manchester's Raven King outpaced the pack in the boys 3,200-meter run with a winning time of 11 minutes and 10 seconds. Placing second for Wabash was Jonas Church in a time of 11 minutes and 40 seconds.



LEFT: Fifth-year distance runner Elizabeth Lohman, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, was named the Manchester University Athletics Female Athlete of the Year. RIGHT: Junior distance runner Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, was named the Manchester University Athletics Male Athlete of the Year.

Manchester athletics and SAAC host 2022 awards reception

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University Athletics and the MU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) were honored to hold its awards reception – the Manny Awards –in the Upper Jo Young Switzer Center on Monday, May 9. Meeting in person for the awards reception for the first time in three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Manchester recognized some of its top student-athletes for their outstanding accomplishments on the field and in the classroom during the 2021-22 academic year.

Junior distance runner Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, and fifth-year distance runner Elizabeth Lohman, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, were named the Manchester University Athletics Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

Salazar has had one of the most dominant years for a Manchester athlete in school history. During the cross country season, Salazar was a two-time Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Athlete of the Week honoree. He earned All-HCAC honors as well as All-Great Lakes Region honors from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). Salazar moved up to second all-time in Manchester history after running a time of 25:12 at the 2021 Calvin University Knight Invitational. On the track and field circuit, Salazar swept the indoor and outdoor HCAC Men’s Distance Athlete of the Year Award. Enrique helped the men’s track and field team earn its first-ever indoor and outdoor HCAC crowns. Also earning all-region honors from the USTFCCCA in track & field, Salazar established five new school records in 2022. The four-time HCAC Male Track Athlete of the Week also earned Academic All-HCAC recognition this year.

Lohman also had a stellar year for the cross country and track and field programs. Lohman was the 2021 HCAC individual cross country champion and was also the HCAC Indoor and Outdoor Women’s Distance Athlete of the Year. Lohman was a three-time HCAC Female Athlete of the Week during the fall cross country campaign. She also earned All-Great Lakes Region honors from the USTFCCCA and qualified for the 2021 NCAA Division III Cross Country National Championships. Lohman added one HCAC Female Track Athlete of the Week honor in 2022 and helped the women’s outdoor track & field team to a sweep of the HCAC indoor and outdoor titles – the first such sweep for the women since 2016. During the fall, Lohman ran the seventh-fastest time in school history (22:25). She also added three top 10 marks during the spring track and field seasons.

Senior football linebacker Jalen Masden, from Evansville and Harrison High School, was selected as the 2022 Warren K. Garner Award recipient while senior women’s basketball player Bridget Nash, from Carmel and Bishop Chatard High School, received the Betty Clark Award. The awards are bestowed to a male and female student athletes that demonstrate the ideals of Manchester University in regards to academics, athletic achievement, leadership, and courage.

Senior men’s soccer player John Velasquez, from Marion and Eastbrook High School, and senior track and field thrower Erica Mohr, from Payne, Ohio, and Wayne Trace High School, earned the M Club Director’s Award – given annually to the male and female senior student-athletes with the highest overall grade point averages.

Junior cross country and track and field athlete Hannah Brubaker, from Goshen and NorthWood High School, and junior volleyball and track and field thrower Dakota Goetz, from Lowell, were honored as the M Club Co-Sportswoman of the Year. Junior men’s track and field thrower Ben Villafuerte, from Angola, was named the Sportsman of the Year.

Additionally, Manchester University Athletics and the MU SAAC honored former Spartan tennis standouts Karly Eichenauer, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, and Isaac Miller, from Millersburg and Fairfield High School, with both the 2021 M Club Director’s Awards and Betty Clark and Warner Garner Awards.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Buck, Aikman excited about ‘starting over’ with ESPN

By JOE REEDY
Associated Press

It’s been two months since Joe Buck jumped from Fox to ESPN. It wasn’t until Monday that the gravity of moving into the “Monday Night Football” booth hit him.

Buck and Troy Aikman made their first trips to ESPN headquarters in Bristol, Connecticut, to meet with executives and future co-workers who are preparing for the upcoming season.

“It literally dropped out of the sky. The more I get around it, Troy and I were just blown away. We were in a conference room an hour ago with 20-plus people from all different parts of the support staff for ‘Monday Night Football,’ and it was overwhelming. I actually got emotional talking about it,” Buck said Monday in his first comments since ESPN signed him and Aikman in March.

Aikman had considered pairing Thursday night games on Amazon with a reduced Fox schedule that would allow him to keep working the playoffs and Super Bowl. As trying to put that together became more challenging, ESPN started talking to the Hall of Fame quarterback about moving into the Monday night booth.

Aikman said the possibility of coming to ESPN – where he gets to call prime-time and playoff games and stays in the Super Bowl rotation – didn’t crystalize until after this year’s Super Bowl.

“This is an opportunity with ESPN that I’m really excited about,” Aikman said. “I mean, like Joe said, we’ve been doing it for so long one way. To see how someone else does it and to work with different people, I feel like it’s 2001 again. And kind of starting over my broadcasting career, and it probably comes at a really good time for me personally and probably for Joe, as well.”

Once ESPN landed Aikman, conversations began about Buck joining him even though Buck’s contract at Fox still had a year remaining. Buck said the parting was amicable, reiterating what Fox said a couple of months ago.

Buck and Aikman have been working together since 2002 when they became Fox’s top crew. They will match Pat Summerall and John Madden for the longest NFL booth pairing at 21 seasons when Russell Wilson and the Denver Broncos visit Wilson’s former team, the Seattle Seahawks, on Sept. 12.

“We sat down towards the end of the season to sort of think about where we were going. I think we were challenged to say what’s your pie in the sky, and I’m now sitting next to the pie in the sky,” said Stephanie Druley, ESPN’s head of event and studio production. “Plan for the best, and yeah, my answer is yes, we have the best booth.”

Buck was happy that Joe Davis (baseball) and Kevin Burkhardt (NFL) were promoted to the top broadcast teams at Fox. As for future Fox top analyst Tom Brady, Aikman thinks he will be able to make the transition.

“Tom has won at everything he’s done in life, and there’s no reason to think that he won’t win at this, as well,” Aikman said. “The reason I believe that he’s going to be good is because he’s going to work. He’s a guy, as we know, he’s the reason why he’s been playing as long as he has. There’s a reason why he’s won seven Super Bowls, and it’s because he doesn’t take any shortcuts, and he’s not going to in broadcasting.”

Tiger Woods says he’s all about majors, a Mickelson rebuke

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

TULSA, Okla. — Tiger Woods is all about majors and legacy, a point he drove home Tuesday in a sharp rebuke of Phil Mickelson and his support of a Saudi-funded golf venture that led to Lefty not defending his title at the PGA Championship.

Even as Woods resumes a remarkable return from a car crash 15 months ago that nearly led to his right leg being amputated, the PGA Championship cannot escape the absence of Mickelson and speculation about who might sign up for Greg Norman’s new Saudi-backed golf series.

Woods said he has not tried to reach out to Mickelson since his self-imposed hiatus from golf three months ago, mainly because of their difference of opinion on how golf should be run.

“I understand different viewpoints, but I believe in major championships. I believe in big events, comparisons to historical figures of the past,” Woods said.

“There’s plenty of money out here,” he said. “The tour is growing. But it’s just like any other sport – it’s like tennis – you have to go out there and earn it. You’ve got to go out there and play for it. We have opportunity to go ahead and do it. It’s just not guaranteed up front.”

That was a reference to some of the Public Investment Fund money out of Saudi Arabia being offered to players to join Norman and his LIV Golf Investments. According to various reports out of Britain, some top players were being offered more than the \$120 million Woods has made in career PGA Tour earnings.

Mickelson showed his hand in two interviews published in February. He accused the PGA Tour of “obnoxious greed” while playing in Saudi Arabia, and {a}more incendiary comments{/a} followed when Alan Shipnuck published an excerpt of his unauthorized biography on Mickelson.

Mickelson said the Saudis were “scary mother-(expletives) to get involved with,” and then dismissed its human rights atrocities – such as the killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi – by saying it was worth it to gain leverage to make changes on the PGA Tour.

He also said he didn’t care if the Saudi league failed, as long as the tour made changes he wanted.

Mickelson decided last Friday he would not play at Southern Hills, missing out on a chance to be celebrated for his historic win last year at Kiawah Island when at age 50 he became golf’s oldest major champion.

He is the first PGA champion not to defend since Woods was recovering from knee surgery in 2008 and skipped Oakland Hills.

“It’s always disappointing when the defending champion is not here,” Woods said. “Phil has said some things that I think a lot of us who are committed to the tour and committed to the legacy of the tour have pushed back against, and he’s taken some personal time, and we all understand that. But I think that some of his views on how the tour could be run, should be run, been a lot of disagreement there.”

“He’s just taking his time and we all wish him the best when he comes back.”

Woods, meanwhile, is back and more optimistic than he was a month ago at the Masters. He said those who are close to him were thrilled to see him walk all 72 holes at Augusta National, his first time walking while competing since the Feb. 23, 2021, accident in Los Angeles that shattered bones in his right leg and ankle.

All he could think about the day after was a bad putting week that led to a 78-78 weekend.

“I did not see it that way Monday,” he said. “I was a little ticked I didn’t putt well, and felt like I was hitting it good enough and I wish I had the stamina.”

He said the Monday after the Masters was a tough day of recovery, and then he went right back to work trying to gain strength and endurance.

“It’s better than the last time I played a tournament, which is good,” Woods said.

He is the defending PGA champion at Southern Hills, having won by two shots in 2007 for his 13th of what is now 15 majors. And he barely recognized the course after a restoration project that brought back a few meandering creeks and returned the edges of the putting surfaces so they funnel shots away from the green.

The bigger challenge is the players he is trying to beat, which make up the strongest field of the majors. Woods is 46, and Mickelson showed a year ago that age is only a number. However, Mickelson had been playing a full schedule all along. Woods, with his injuries, would appear to be limited to the four majors this year at most.

One help is the nature of the walk. Augusta National is among the toughest in golf. Southern Hills features a sharp drop from the first and 10th tees and tough climb at the end of each nine. Otherwise, it’s a relatively gentle stroll.

He still struggles on certain days. He said it’s never as easy as it might look.

“But I feel like I’m doing better,” he said. “I’m having more days which are better, more positive.”



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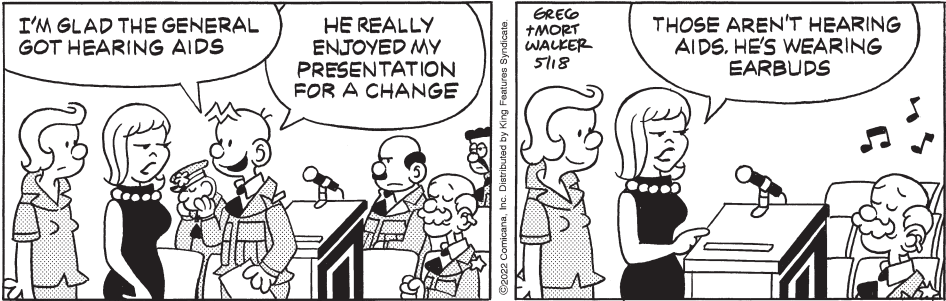


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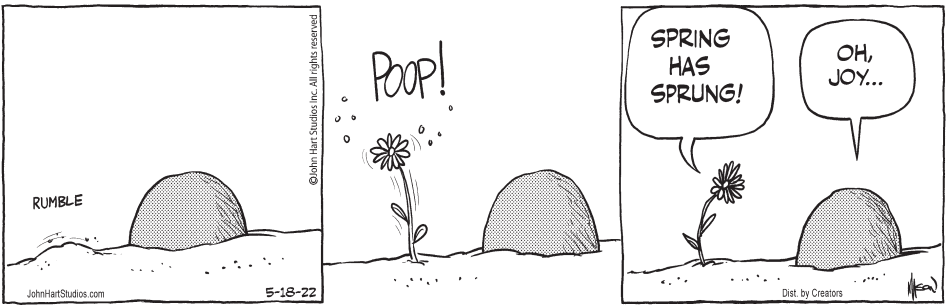
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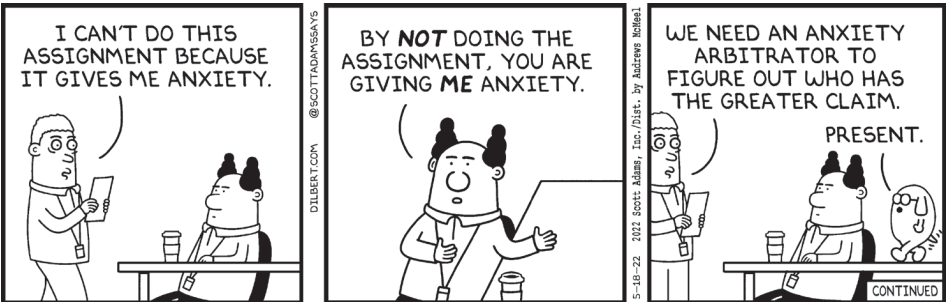
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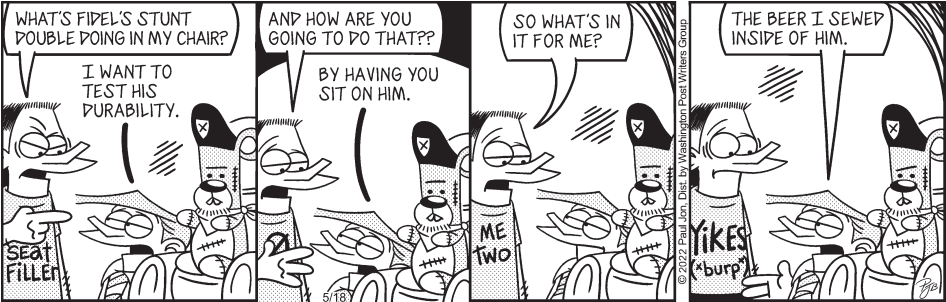
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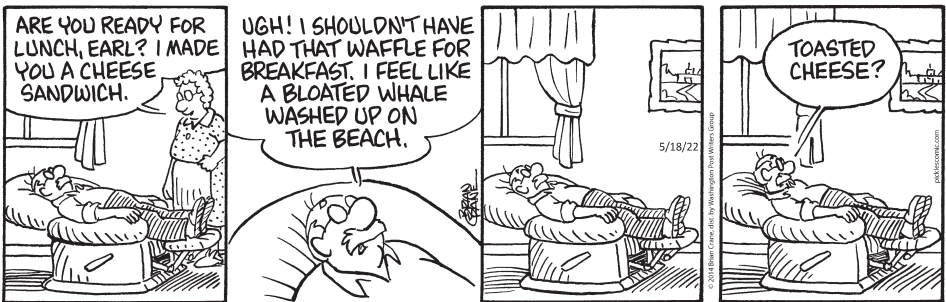
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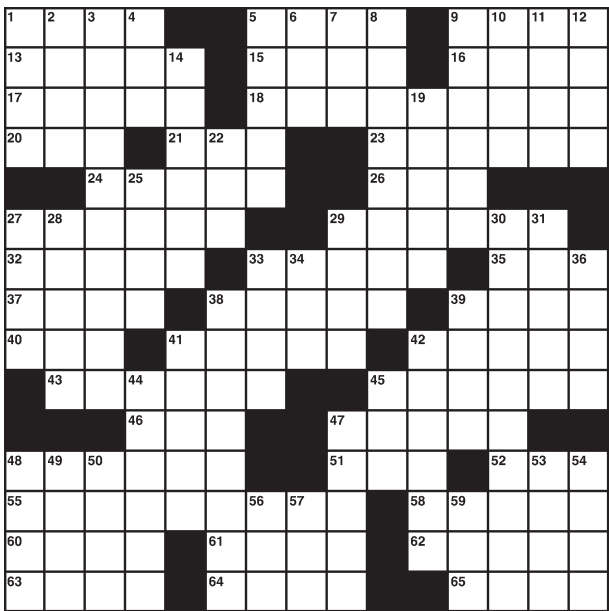
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- 17 Dental plate
- 18 Makes rules for
- 20 Dover's state: abbr.
- 21 "Love ___ Many-Splendored Thing"
- 23 Feel miffed about
- 24 Prose work
- 26 Trawler's need
- 27 Babbled
- 29 Duplicit
- 32 Desert refuge
- 33 Redden
- 35 Floor cleaner
- 37 Unsightly mark
- 38 Spinnaker & jib
- 39 Bone ___; heel woe
- 40 Egg layer
- 41 Bellhop's workplace
- 42 On ___; acting
- 43 Goes off course
- 45 Indifference
- 46 Eur. nation
- 47 Excuse
- 48 Head Hun
- 51 "Where ___ I go wrong?"
- 52 Bark beetle's victim
- 55 Comforted
- 58 Orange Muppet
- 60 Skirt style
- 61 Sheltered bay
- 62 Geologist's interest
- 63 Onion casing
- 64 Watched
- 65 Queens & drones

DOWN

- 1 Breeder's horse
- 2 Sticky strip
- 3 Obnoxious



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Partner is offended by tasteless gift

DEAR AMY: My partner, “Chris” just showed me a gift he bought for his adult son. This gift is a “verified” personal calling card once owned by Adolf Hitler (Hitler allegedly gave them out to people he would meet).

Amy Dickinson
Ask Amy



Chris purchased this card from an American museum’s rare items collection and spent quite a bit of money for it.

He finds this gift funny and amusing. Chris is a nice and kind person, and he doesn’t have any prejudice against any ethnic groups.

I felt very disturbed, angry, disappointed, and perplexed by the nature of this gift. I don’t find anything related to Hitler an appropriate item for gift-giving, laughter, or amusement.

The night I learned of this gift, I was plagued by horrific images and thoughts of the crimes against humanity brought about by this monster.

I wrote a note to my partner about how I felt about it and invited him to do some soul searching about his choice. He read my note, stated that he felt angry and frustrated by it, and said, “I knew I shouldn’t have shown it to you.” He then said, “I don’t want my day ruined by this.”

I feel perplexed as how this sweet and kind partner could come up with such a gift, honoring an evil person. I wonder how I can be at peace with it. — Perplexed Partner!

DEAR PERPLEXED: Using information supplied by you,

I verified that the place where your partner purchased this artifact is less a “museum” and more an individual’s private collection located in the dealer’s home.

I’ve also learned that there is quite a market for these artifacts, and that collectors use various justifications for purchasing them.

In my opinion, unless a purchaser intends to use artifacts as teaching tools to illustrate both the banality (“calling cards”) and the monstrosity of evil, then there is absolutely no ethical reason to purchase them. It is certainly not “funny,” in any context.

So yes, I’d say that at the least, your “nice and kind” guy is sensitive regarding himself (he didn’t want your reaction to “ruin his day”), and not actually sensitive to the reality of suffering experienced by millions of people that should be brought to mind by any Hitler artifact.

So yes, I agree that the act itself of purchasing this item as an “amusing” gift is tasteless and troubling. Additionally, his reaction to your honest feedback and concern will quite naturally make you ponder his personal ethics.

You ask how to be “at peace” with this choice. Perhaps — when you are less reactive and he is less defensive — you two will be able to come to an understanding about his choice.

But there are times when you should stand up for your own values. Doing so is rarely peaceful.

DEAR AMY: A dear friend, whom I met through my ex-husband, recently died.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the deceased’s favorite charity. I in-

tend to make such a donation.

My partner of 15 years thinks that I should ask my ex to contribute to the donation and make it from my ex and me. I strongly disagree for a variety of reasons. While I did meet this friend and his wife through my ex, I have maintained a friendship with them while my ex has not.

For a variety of very valid reasons, I only communicate with my ex-husband when absolutely necessary.

In spite of knowing all this, my partner still insists that he is right. I maintain that it is entirely inappropriate as my ex and I are no longer a couple.

And your opinion is...? — Perplexed Re: The Ex
DEAR PERPLEXED: I’m surprised that this is even up for discussion. Let your partner know that joint donations between hardly speaking ex-spouses would be the exception — not the norm.

More important, this is your friend, your money, and your choice.

DEAR AMY: Your advice to “Bay Area Stepmom Cook” was, as usual, tasteless.

You NEVER tell a cook how to cook! Ever. Especially when they are doing it for free, as a favor.

If this son-in-law does not like his mother-in-law’s cooking, then he can cook his own or eat out of a can. — Disgusted

DEAR DISGUSTED: Even though she was aware of her son-in-law’s extreme aversion to onions, this mother-in-law insisted on including them in everything. He isn’t telling her how to cook. She is telling him how to eat.

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HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Bolster trust with a family member, friend, or business associate by walking them through your plans in logical sequence. Someone may believe they have been taken for granted or that you have changed your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid chasing any unrealistic dreams. You can build the future better on a solid foundation than on shifting sands. Putting forth some extra effort and avoiding interruptions is the best way to help achieve your ambitions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Express your creative ideas and explain your ideals. You may have an opportunity to share your visionary concepts or to mend some fences. This could be a good day to tell people what’s going on in the back of your mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Keeping business and pleasure separate is easier said than done. Expecting too much profit from a money-making venture could sow the seeds of discontent. Keep your resolve turned up high and doubts should calm down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Weigh your priorities. Don’t let a minor project divert all your energy while a more pressing matter remains stuck in neutral. Take pride in your ability to organize a schedule so you can achieve your most prized ambitions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take aim at creating a plan that provides mutual benefits. Optimism and boundless imagination can help you develop a more positive outline for future prosperity and comfort. You might be inspired to make dreams a reality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) For a few hours you might feel isolated or be consumed by doubts. You may alter your viewpoint when someone new enters your life. This person may not stay in your life long but could have a strong impact on your outlook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A loved one may be so wrapped up in a new project that you may feel unloved or invisible. Don’t let this throw you or create doubts. Apply your skills in unique ways, but don’t lose anyone’s confidence by trying to cover up mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your efforts to spend quality time with family may cause your work to suffer. Organize your time and find ways to keep everything in balance. Take surprises in stride as you can adapt to any situation that arises.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is no reason to sell yourself short or to deny yourself the best but wait until you can afford the finest rather than settling for a cheap imitation. Your judgment about purchases and investments may be off now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Wear your heart on your sleeve. If you are completely wrapped up in your work, loved ones might feel neglected, so remind yourself to take an occasional break. Good friends might make bad business partners.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) There are no limits on what you can accomplish when you have a devoted partner by your side. Let your optimism and generosity have free rein. Aim toward improving your life with something of beauty and lasting value.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

Xi's strongman tactics need flexibility to tackle COVID-19

Xi Jinping, China's strongman leader, is doubling down on his "zero-COVID" strategy in spite of its mounting economic cost. The politburo Standing Committee, the pinnacle of Communist party power, asserted last week that "persistence is victory" and proclaimed that authorities would "certainly be able to win the battle to defend Shanghai." Unlike in previous COVID-related meetings, there was no mention of an intent to balance zero-COVID policies with the needs of economic growth. On the contrary, Beijing warned that it would not tolerate any wavering. "We will resolutely struggle against all words and deeds that distort, doubt and deny our epidemic prevention policies," a politburo statement said. If China holds this line, the economic fallout looks set to be profound. Nomura estimated this week that 41 cities were implementing full or partial lockdowns or other forms of mobility control, affecting around 290 million people in regions that account for 29.5 percent of gross domestic product. Some Chinese economists are raising the alarm. Xu Jianguo, associate professor of economics at the National School of Development in Peking University, was reported as saying it would be challenging for China to reach its economic growth

target of "around 5.5 percent" for this year or even match the 2.3 percent growth figure in 2020. Indeed, several indicators are flashing red. Export growth plunged to 3.9 per cent year-on-year in April, down from 14.7 per cent in March, representing a blow to China's single biggest growth driver since early 2020. Sales of property, another big contributor to GDP growth over the past two decades, have slumped precipitously this year, triggering a series of defaults on debt repayments by developers. Heaping further pressure on Beijing this week, the head of the World Health Organization (WHO) warned that China's zero-COVID strategy was unsustainable. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that the WHO had discussed the issue with Chinese experts, adding that "considering the behavior of the virus I think a shift [in China's strategy] will be very important." In truth, China faces a highly complex set of challenges with no easy answers. As the politburo meeting last week noted, China has a large elderly population and insufficient medical resources. Researchers at Shanghai's Fudan University estimated that an unchecked surge of the Omicron coronavirus variant could result in 112mn symptomatic infections and almost 1.6mn fatali-

ties between May and July. For Xi, the political stakes are high. If China fails to control the spread of the highly infectious Omicron, his prestige may suffer ahead of a party congress later this year at which he is expected to secure another term in office. If he manages to control the virus's spread by continuing the current lockdowns, he will be incurring a hefty economic toll. China's best option would be to adopt three concurrent approaches. The first would ease lockdowns by allowing greater freedom of movement in cities that have high vaccination rates. It should also sharply accelerate its vaccination program – especially among elderly and unvaccinated populations – and permit the mass import of foreign mRNA jabs. The third would be to stimulate the economy by making monetary policy more accommodative and launching some targeted interventions such as a modest infrastructure investment package. Xi should recognize that the rigidity he and his officials have displayed in handling Omicron outbreaks is hurting his people and his economy. He needs to adopt a more flexible approach if he hopes to restore some credibility. *This editorial was first published in the Financial Times.*

An appreciation for employees, medical staff of Dukes Memorial Hospital

By DEB CLOSE

I write today with an appreciation for the team members of Dukes Memorial Hospital who as a part of the Lutheran Health Network help make our community a healthier, better place to live and gratitude for patients who choose our hospitals for their care. The impact of Dukes Memorial within the Lutheran Health Network of care adds up as the skilled and compassionate hands of physicians, nurses and other team members deliver safe, quality care around the clock every day. Last year, patients received the medical care they needed through more than 83,000 interactions with our hospital and physician clinics as the pandemic heightened the need for medical care. Employees and medical staff brought their skills and compassion to support 10,000 emergency department visits, more than 1,000 inpatients, 800 surgeries and 100 babies delivered. And more than 71,000 patients received care through outpatient facilities, including Lutheran Health Physicians primary and specialty care offices in our area. Beyond clinical care, Dukes is a major employer in the community and regularly invests resources to expand and enhance the services available locally. We continue to invest in medical services, facilities and technologies that are important to our patients, including capital improvements totaling more than \$4.75 million made in 2021. Dukes Memorial Hospital also gives back to our community. In the last year, we provided more than \$6.25 million in charity and uncompensated care for our community's most vulnerable. And the more than \$2 million paid in taxes helps support civic resources and services. We are also pleased to support efforts like the local Meals on Wheels program, serving homebound residents with a hot meal five days a week. The hospital's payroll of more than \$23 million ripples across the community as employees buy goods and services, making our economy healthier as well. Each of these initiatives and investments helps make Peru, Miami County and the surrounding area healthier for us all. We are honored to help our community thrive and extremely proud of our hospital's more than \$38 million community impact in 2021. *Deb Close is the CEO of Dukes Memorial Hospital, a member of Lutheran Health Network.*



Inflation is a policy and political problem

The Consumer Price Index was released this week, showing inflation at 8.3 percent, year over year. The number is not especially surprising, just a tad better than March. We have probably passed the month of 'peak' inflation for this cycle. The reason for this is simply that March's inflation figures were reported at the beginning of the oil price effects from the Russian invasion of Ukraine and prior to Federal Reserve raising rates. The Federal Reserve is now tightening the money supply, and the large oil price spikes have eased slightly. Still, this leaves open the question of how long unusually high inflation will last, what are its causes and how might it be remedied. The cause of inflation is an excess supply of money in the economy. The way we measure it includes other forces that temporarily affect prices, and so we are stuck with imperfect measures of the problem. The overall rate of inflation in March was at 8.55 percent, which is as high as it has been since December of 1981. But, if you exclude food and energy prices, which are at least partially attributable to transient effects, inflation is a bit better at 6.4 percent, which is about where it was in 1982.

Not much relief there. We can also examine something known as the 'sticky price' index, which measures those cases when prices are unlikely to drop back down. This index puts inflation at about 4.6 percent, or roughly where we were in 1991 – better, but not great. This also tells us that at least half the price increases we've observed are permanent. The way to think about this is the equation of exchange, where MV = PY. Here, M is the money supply, V is the velocity of money, P is the level of prices (inflation) and Y is the size of the economy (typically measured as GDP). This little equation may seem daunting but is easy to interpret. If the money supply (M) increases, then either V must go down an equal amount, or else P or Y will increase. Because the size of the economy is based on real things, like worker productivity, it must be P that's affected. So, an increase in the supply of money causes inflation. Likewise, an increase in the velocity of money or how often it moves through the economy can also fuel inflation. To limit the damage from the pandemic, the Trump and Biden administrations asked Congress to vastly increase spending. They did, and the result was the largest fiscal stimulus in history. At the same time, the Federal Reserve both dropped borrowing costs and expanded the supply of money through several different

avenues. Together, these increased by the supply of money (M) and its velocity (V). This initially helped the economy recover, but once the pandemic effects ended, our economic growth slowed and we got inflation. We should all be humble in our criticism of Congress and both the Trump and Biden administrations in causing inflation. The slow recovery from the Great Recession saw no inflation, despite dire warnings that it would. I was among those economists warning of inflation. To many people, the risks of inflation seemed smaller than the risk of too little action. They were mistaken. Inflation is here and will be with us for many more months, or longer. Another reason for humility is that the breadth of culpability. It is perfectly fine for Republicans to blame a highly partisan Congressional vote last year for contributing to inflation. However, the Indiana General Assembly gave rebates and cut taxes in 2022, which was months after inflation was an obvious problem. One can debate the efficacy of state tax cuts; that they contribute to inflation is an undeniable fact. In a more honest world, voting for tax cuts during an inflationary period ought to require that you remain placidly silent about culpability for inflation. There's plenty of room to retrospectively criticize federal and state policymakers who contributed to the root

causes of inflation back in early 2021, but the strongest criticism belongs to the poor decisions that are still being made about inflation. Again, we must note the states that gave tax rebates or cut taxes during already high periods of inflation. As politically tempting as it was, it merely worsens the problem. Most surprising to me is the lack of immediate action taken by the Biden administration to stem inflation. There were several options available to the President, which at least would have made clear the commitment to curtailing inflation. Here's what a more aggressive anti-inflation posture would look like. First, the Biden administration could suspend all the Trump tariffs on manufactured goods. This would've boosted profitability across much of the supply chain, reducing prices for imported components. This requires only the president to act, and would've cut some \$300 million per year in federal tariffs. The Administration could have waived some leasing restrictions and fast-tracked oil and natural gas permits. This would've had the effect of moving future production to the present, while prices are higher. This would've not immediately affected prices, but it would have stabilized futures prices and offered confidence to both consumers and businesses. The Administration could have also asked Congress to repeal the Jones Act, which,

among other costly measures, limits international shipping firms from delivering products to multiple U.S. ports. It is raw protectionism that was poor public policy in 1920, and plain stupid in 2022. The Administration could take a comprehensive immigration bill to Congress. Basing this bill on the compromise that failed in the 2000s would result in a guest worker program that would ease labor supply issues across much of the country. The president could have also waived or lessened some rules on interstate trucking and transport. Reducing restrictions on cross-border transportation, as well as allowing drivers to rest in two shorter blocks with more cumulative rest, would ease congestion in many cities. He could also allow a pilot program authorizing younger inter-state drivers based upon training and previous driving records. Some of these policies would reduce prices immediately, others won't impact the economy for months, but all would improve the sense that inflation is taken seriously by the Administration. And yes, they would anger some constituents (e.g., the long-shoremen union, protectionist industries, those pushing for zero carbon emissions and those who dislike immigration expansion), but that is the what the moment demands. *Michael Hicks may be reached by email at cberdirector@bsu.edu.*



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Notice is hereby given that Jane Garnet Johnson Smith was, on the 5th day of April, 2022, was appointed personal representative of the estate of Ronald Wayne Smith, deceased, who died on the 1st day of February, 2022.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Wabash County, Indiana, this 5th day of April, 2022.
/s/ Lori J. Draper
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's Sale File Number: 85-22-0012-SS Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department basement, Miami Street entrance, 79 W. Main St., Wabash, IN Judgment to be Satisfied: \$31,876.86

Cause Number: 85D01-1903-MF-000153 Plaintiff: Freedom Mortgage Corporation Defendant: Gary D. Cooper and Fifth Third Mortgage Company

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Wabash Superior Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at 79 West Main Street, Wabash, IN 46992, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:

Lot Number One Hundred Sixty-eight (168) in Ross Height's Addition to the city of Wabash, in Wabash County, Indiana. Commonly Known as: 266 SHERMAN ST., WABASH, IN 46992-1112 Parcel No. 85-14-02-301-149.000-009

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant Phone: (260) 563-8891

Township of property location: Noble Common street address of property: 266 Sherman St, Wabash, IN 46992-1112 Property Tax ID: 85-14-02-301-149.000-009

Attorney: BRYAN K. REDMOND Attorney Number: 22108-29 Law Firm: Feiwel & Hannoy, P.C. Contact Number: (317) 237-2727 F&H Reference #: 100621F01

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MDK # 22-007618 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT) SS: COUNTY OF WABASH) CAUSE NO. 85C01-2205-MF-000271

GITSIT Solutions LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mary Lou Cartwright and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Mary Lou Cartwright, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mary Lou Cartwright and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Mary Lou Cartwright:

BE IT KNOWN, that GITSIT Solutions LLC, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Nicholas M. Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mary Lou Cartwright and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Mary Lou Cartwright, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mary Lou Cartwright and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Mary Lou Cartwright, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Wabash County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section Number Eight (8), Township 28 North, Range 8 East, Wabash County, Indiana, being contained entirely within the boundaries of a tract of land now (or formerly) owned by Eugene A Cartwright and Mary Lou Cartwright as recorded on Page 286 of Deed Record 236 in the Records of the Office of the Wabash County, Indiana Recorder, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter, marked by a Wabash County Section Corner Monument; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 51 seconds West (assumed bearing) along the South line of said Quarter Section, 391.69 feet to a masonry nail with a washer stamped LS80040428; thence North 01 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds West, 542.71 feet to an iron rebar stake with a plastic cap stamped LS80040428; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 408.37 feet to a masonry nail with a washer stamped LS80040428 on the East line of said Quarter Section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said East line, 546.57 feet to the point of beginning.

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NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Wabash Circuit Court

Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15) Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06) J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) Chris Wiley (26936-10) Susan B. Kilneman (17405-49) Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC P.O. Box 165028 Columbus OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-nms@manleydeas.com hspaxlp

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GRADUATES

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Honor Society and is serving as president this year.

Kindra was recognized as an Outstanding Spanish Student, an AP Scholar with Honor, Rising Star of Indiana and College Board National Rural and Small Town Stand-out. She was also selected as a Scholar-Athlete in soccer, softball and basketball. Kindra was a member of the Key Club this past year as well.

In Kindra’s extracurricular activities, she was her team’s captain in soccer for four years and in softball for three years. She was also a member of the basketball and track and field teams for a year respectively. During her athletic career, Kindra was recognized with the Squire Award and Rotary Mental Attitude award. The TRC conference awarded her all-conference in both soccer and softball.

After graduating with honors, she plans to study Environmental Science at Valparaiso University and then pursue masters and doctorate degrees in further specialized fields. Eventually, she intends to explore the world and work for the National Park Service.

Kindra is the daughter of Matt and Stacy Stetzel. Her grandparents are Doug and Cherie Burgess, Ian and Stephanie MacFarlane, and Galen and Connie Stetzel.

Jade Michel

Jade Michel has earned Academic Excellence and the highest honor roll during all four years of high school. Jade is a member of the National Honor Society and was the student council class president for her freshman, sophomore and junior years. She is currently serving as the student body president as a senior. Jade has been very active throughout her four years of high school.

Jade has been involved in Key Club, Spanish Club and Art Club all four years of high school. Jade participated in Science Olympiad all four years and has received multiple state Science Olympiad medals. She also received

recognition as a National AP Scholar with Honors and is a member of two different College Board recognition programs.

Jade has participated in four years of varsity cheerleading where she served twice as team captain, earned four-year scholar-athlete recognition as well as All-American Athlete honors. She also found time to participate as a PAC crew member, in speech and debate, and Icarian Plunge.

Jade is active in Fine Arts receiving three Scholastic Gold Keys, four Scholastic Silver Keys and three Scholastic Honor Mentions. She had multiple winnings in art shows including Honeywell, Huntington University and Scholastic. Finally, Jade was successful in 4-H receiving Grand Champion at three different State Fair Shows and multiple State 4-H awards.

After graduating from high school with an Academic Honors diploma, Jade plans to attend Harvard University to pursue a degree in economics, with the hope to one day work in socio-economic and cultural analytics.

Jade is the daughter of Barb Michel.

Alyssa Marvel

Alyssa Marvel has earned Academic Excellence and the highest honor roll all four years of high school. Alyssa is a recognized member of National Honor Society and served as treasurer.

She has been involved with band and choir all throughout high school. She has participated in marching band and concert band for four years and six years respectively. She has also been a member of the Pep band for six years. During her years of participation in band, Alyssa has achieved honors at district and state solo and ensemble contests, was selected as drum major of the marching band and received recognition as a member of the Wabash County Honor Band for four years.

Alyssa is active in choir and concert choir. She has awards at the district and state solo and ensemble contests and

has achieved honors in All-State Choir and County Honor Choir for three years. She has been a member of the student council for all four years of high school and participated in the German exchange program as a sophomore. In athletics, Alyssa was a four-year member of the tennis team serving as the team captain and played volleyball as a freshman. Also, Alyssa found time to participate in Science Olympiad since grade school and served as a student Science Olympiad coach. Finally, she has participated in many musicals and drama productions since 2016.

After graduating from high school Alyssa will attend Huntington University to study nursing. Then she plans to attend a university to obtain her master’s degree in nursing to work as a family, pediatric or emergency nurse practitioner.

Alyssa is the daughter of Linda and Stan Miller and Paul Marvel.

Ridge Fierstos

Ridge Fierstos has earned Academic Excellence and the highest honor roll all four years of high school. Ridge has participated in soccer and basketball all four years of high school. He is a member of the National Honor Society during both his junior and senior years. Ridge has been active in JAG and has been an Academic All-Conference selection in both basketball and soccer. He has also spent time during the spring coaching soccer.

“Ridge was one of the key contributors to helping start a disc golf course here on the Manchester Jr-Sr High School campus,” said Self.

Ridge finished second in the regional JAG competition in Creative Solutions and was a founding member of the Trailblazers Diversity Advisory Council. After graduating with academic honors, Ridge will attend Purdue University to study Finance and hopes to one day become a financial advisor.

Ridge is the son of Mandy Fierstos and Josh Fierstos. His grandparents are Dorne

Goodrich, Charles Goodrich, Penny Fierstos and Dan Fierstos.

Gabriel Case

Gabriel Case has earned Academic Excellence and the highest honor roll all four years of high school. He has been recognized as the 2021-22 DAR Wabash County Good Citizen Award recipient. Gabriel has received the track and field Squire Award this past year and has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Honor. He is a member of the National Honor Society and served as the vice president this year. Gabriel also was a member of the student council during the 2018-19 school year.

In extra-curricular activities, Gabriel performed in the spring musical, “Once Upon a Mattress.”

He also participated in Junior Achievement MIS Instruction in 2022 and served on the NxtGen Leadership committee in 2019-20. Gabriel was instrumental in the NASA Techrise selection to send a student-derived experiment into space in 2023. He has also found time to serve on the Icarian Plunge selection committee for the last two years and served the community by being a part of the Wabash River Defenders in 2020.

In Athletics, Gabriel played basketball for three years from 2018-2021 and was a member of the track and field team for the last two seasons. He was crowned the Wabash County High Jump Champion in 2021, indoor track and field state qualifier in high jump in 2022, regional qualifier in high jump in 2021 and continues to compete this spring. In 2018-19, he was awarded the Most Improved JV Basketball player. Finally, he was awarded the Squire Award in Unified Flag Football in 2021-22.

After graduating with an Academic Honors diploma, Gabriel plans to attend Purdue University to study mechanical, chemical, or computer engineering, and pursue a career in the engineering sector.

“Additionally, he plans on



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Kayla Hippensteel has been recognized as a member of the National Honor Society the last two years.

being an active member of his community, raising a family and leaving the world a better place than when he entered,” said Self.

Gabriel is the son of Judd and Joanne Case. His grandparents are Bern and Michelle Case and Aage and Verna Larsen.

Salutatorian

Kayla Hippensteel

Kayla Hippensteel has earned Academic Excellence and the highest honor roll all four years of high school. Kayla has been recognized as a member of the National Honor Society the last two years. Her individual awards include the Squire award as a junior and senior in golf and Academic All-Conference as a junior and senior in golf and tennis. She also was honored as a member of the Wabash County Honor Band twice. As a 10-year member in 4-H, she has completed over 100

projects and has taken part in the Wabash County Queen’s Pageant. Kayla has been involved with volunteering as a member of her youth group at Manchester Church of the Brethren. She also helped with multiple community service projects including traveling to New Mexico to spend a week helping those in need on a Navajo Reservation.

Kayla’s clubs, extracurricular activities and athletic involvement include four years of tennis and three years of golf. She participated in four years of Science Olympiad, band and theater as well as three years in choir. Kayla also was a four-year member of the student council, two years in the speech and debate club, Key club and Spanish club. In other extracurricular activities, she participated in four years of the pep band and a year of the marching band. Finally, she traveled to Germany as a member of the German Exchange Program in her freshman year.

After graduating from high school with an Academic Honors diploma, Kayla will attend Michigan State University to major in environmental studies and minor in biology. After college, she will pursue a career working for a major organization or government agency focusing on sustainable energy sources and green energy as a whole.

Kayla is the daughter of Seth and Elizabeth Hippensteel.

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DISTRICT

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“During June’s First Friday, all aspects of the Wabash Cultural District will be highlighted including live demonstrations by local artists, live music and the annual Paint the Plov event on Miami Street. Staple events and activities for First Friday-goers to experience will also include local vendors, food trucks, outdoor recreation and boutique shopping,” said Ellis.

The Wabash Cultural District spans the Wabash River to Hill Street and Honeywell Center to Paradise Spring. The District will be headed up by Downtown Wabash with a committee of representatives from the city of Wabash, Wabash County Museum, Honeywell Arts, artist panel, Visit Wabash County, Grow Wabash County, area schools and district residents.

Within Wabash’s cultural district there reside cultural assets including a world-class performing arts center, miles of community biking and walking trails, numerous public art installations, as well as new housing developments and boutiques. Downtown Wabash boasts the successful preservation of historic buildings and owns a 1986 designation by the National Register of Historic Places.

“Wabash has much to be proud of, especially its abundance of artistic and cultural offerings that make our community an exciting place to be for both the citizens who live here and the people that seek out Wabash for adventure and entertainment,” said Mayor Scott Long. “We are thrilled about the opportunities this cultural district designation will offer Wabash to further spotlight the creativity and vibrancy that makes this community so special.”

At the Monday, Nov. 8, 2021 meeting of the Wabash City Council, local leaders celebrated Wabash’s designation as the state’s newest Cultural District. Long’s assistant Bev Vanderpool said this served as their official announcement to the Wabash City Council.

On Friday, June 25, 2021, the city capped several years of work when Wabash was

named the newest Cultural District by the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC). At the same time, Arts Campus Fort Wayne also received the designation to bring the statewide total to 12 communities.

The next steps for the Wabash Cultural District will be determined by the local committee, led by Wabash Marketplace. Additional community partners include the city of Wabash, Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, Grow Wabash County, Visit Wabash County, Wabash County Museum and a panel of artists.

Vanderpool said receiving the Cultural District Designation the committee continues to meet.

Vanderpool said they had just received a \$3,000 grant from Arts Midwest for marketing materials.

In the application process beginning in 2020, Wabash was selected as a Spotlight Community within the Creative Community Pathway and was invited to apply for the Cultural District Consortium. Wabash’s application nominated the Wabash Cultural District with an 85-page dissertation. The application also focused on the vaudeville roots of the community that began in the early 1900s and can be seen today at the recently renovated Eagles Theatre.

Fort Wayne and Wabash join just 10 other communities as recipients of the Cultural District Designation. Indiana Cultural Districts also include Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District (BEAD), Carmel Arts and Design District, Columbus Arts and Entertainment District, Fishers: Nickel Plate District, Jeffersonville: NoCo Arts and Cultural District, Lafayette: Tippecanoe Arts and Cultural District, Madison Arts and Cultural District, Nashville: Arts Village Brown County, Noblesville Cultural Arts District and Terre Haute: 41/40 Arts and Cultural District.

To receive the designation, Fort Wayne and Wabash participated in the Creative Community Pathway program and most recently submitted an application that was reviewed by a public panel of experts specializing in economic and tourism development. Indiana

Cultural Districts promote the exploration of and participation in the arts and humanities through cultural experiences that are unique to the individual communities.

Wabash has been working toward receiving this designation for at least five years as the city first applied to a statewide committee in September 2016.

The IAC announced in early 2020 that the previous “Cultural District Application” was morphing into the “Creative Community Pathway.” The goal of the program is to recognize communities that utilize arts and culture as a strategy for growth. Communities can receive either “Creative Community Designation” or “Cultural District Designation.”

On Dec. 11, 2020, the IAC voted to approve Wabash, Fort Wayne, Goshen and Kokomo for Spotlight Community recognition as part of the Creative Community Pathway program. These four communities were then invited to apply for Cultural District Designation.

In May, the IAC announced that Fort Wayne, Goshen, Kokomo, and Wabash had their applications for Cultural District Designation reviewed. Reviewing the applications were peers from around the state specializing in cultural, leadership, community, economic and tourism development. Applications recommended for designation were reviewed by the IAC’s Programs, Grants and Services Committee, with final funding approval made by the full Commission at its Friday, June 25, 2021 Quarterly Business Meeting.

“Instead of Wabash being a hidden gem, we hope the Cultural District will make people even more proactively interested in visiting or starting a business here,” Wabash Cultural District Committee member Cathy Gatchel said. “It helps us shine that light just that much more to let people know we have a whole ecosystem of opportunity.”

For more information, visit downtownwabash.org or <https://www.in.gov/arts/programs-and-services/training/creative-community-pathway/>.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

Kids to Parks Day is set for Saturday, May 21 at Mississinewa Lake

Celebrate Kids to Parks Day at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at Mississinewa Lake’s Archery Range, 4673 S. 625 E. Peru, according to interpretive naturalist Teresa Rody. “An archery instructor will teach the public about safety and technique of

handling and shooting a bow and arrow through this hands-on workshop,” said Rody. Participants should meet at 2 p.m. at the Archery Range near Miami Boat Ramp, located in Miami State Recreation Area. Kids under 14 should be

accompanied by an adult. All equipment will be provided. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle will apply. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov or <https://on.IN.gov/mississinewalake>.

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